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NORTH KOREA AND CUBA

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(C) ADDIS 7459 OF 6/28/74

1. REPUBLIC OF KOREA EMBASSY COLLEAGUES INFORMED US JUNE 2 THAT
ROK AMBASSADOR CHANG MET ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE AT OWN INITIATIVE
ON MAY 28. AMBASSADOR CHANG INFORMED KIFLE THAT ROK PRESIDENT
PARKS' SPECIAL ENVOY HOPED TO COME TO ETHIOPIA FOR TWO-DAYS'
STAY O/A JUNE 29. FONMIN KIFLE INFORMED CHANG THAT EPMG "WILL
NORMALIZE" ITS (DIPLOMATIC) RELATIONS WITH DPRK "WITHIN TWO MONTHS."
MOFA'S ASIAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR YIRGA TESHOME SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ROK
COUNSELOR YANG THAT NOORTH KOREAN DEL WOULD BE COMING TO ADDIS AND
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THAT DPRK EMBASSY LIKELY BE ESTABLISHED HERE AT THAT TIME. WE
ASKED ROK COLLEAGUES WHETHER FONMIN KIFLE HAD GIVEN THEM ANY

INDICATION THAT EPMG HAD OBTAINED QUID PRO QUO ASSURANCES FROM PYONGYANG THAT LATTER WOULD DESIST FROM TRAINING INSURGENTS FOR EVENTUAL INFILTRATION INTO ETHIOPIA. AMBASSADOR CHANG SAID THAT FONMIN HAD HAD NOTHING SPECIFIC TO SAY ON THAT POINT. COUNSELOR YANG SAID THAT MOFA'S ASIAN DIRECTOR YIRGA HAD SAID AMBIVALENTLY THAT ASSURANCES "MAY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED." BOTH AMBASSADOR CHANG AND COUNSELOR YANG MADE CLEAR THAT DECISION ON "NORMALIZATION/ OF RELATIONS TAKEN IN PMAC AND THAT MOFA APPARENTLY MERELY INFORMED AND INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE ROK EMBASSY THEREOF. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT RPT NOT YET REACTED TO HIS REPORT OF EPMG DECISION. SUDANESE DEFENSE ATTACHE INFORMED ROK DEFENSE ATTACHE WHO TOLD US (JUNE 2) THAT DPRK DELEGATION FROM KHARTOUM DUE IN ADDIS JUNE 3. ACCORDING SUDANESE, DELEGATION MAY BE SIZEABLE AND MAY INCLUDE NORTH KOREAN PRESS TYPES.

2. ROK AMBASSADOR CHANG HAS ALSO INFORMED US IN THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE THAT ACTION MOFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, CAPT. ASSEFA, HAS TOLD HIM ETHIOPIA WOULD ALSO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA.
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